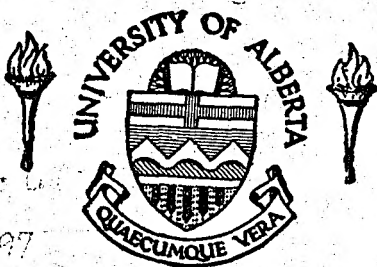


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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR 1894

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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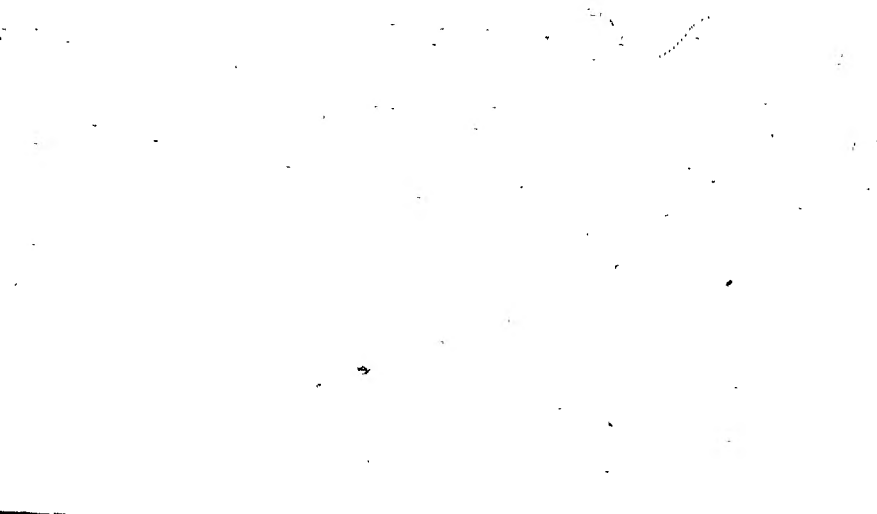
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CAPITAL OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

(An Incorporated City.)

It is the headquarters of the District Court and the District Judge resides here. Supreme court sittings are held here regularly.

It is the seat of the Dominion Lands Office for the District along the Crow's Nest railway.

It is the headquarters of a post of the Royal North West Mounted Police.

It is the chief customs post of Southern Alberta.

LETHBRIDGE AS A RAILWAY CENTRE.

It is a divisional point on the Crow's Nest line of the C. P. R. This line runs through to the Pacific coast. The Soo-Spokane service of the C. P. R. also goes over this road.

It is a divisional point and terminal of the Alberta Railway which has a main line to Shelby, Montana, and all Great Northern connections and a branch line to Cardston, touching the rich wheat growing towns of Raymond, Magrath, Stirling, Spring Coulee, Cardston, New Dayton and Warner.

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There are a number of projected lines of railroad with Lethbridge as their destination.

The C. P. R. is now building a line from Weyburn in Saskatchewan to Lethbridge.

The Canadian Northern has a charter for a road from a point on its Regina-Brandon line to Lethbridge, which is now being built.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has a charter for a branch from Calgary to the American boundary, through Lethbridge.

J. J. Hill's proposed Transcontinental will come to Lethbridge.

The C. P. R. are building a line from the west end of the big bridge, north to Calgary, 40 miles of which extending to Carmangay, is now in operation.

This road brings the famous Little Bow District into direct connection with the city.

CLIMATE

The climate of the Lethbridge District is ideal.

There is very little winter.

There are frequent snowfalls but the snow does not stay long on the ground and consequently there is very little sleighing.

WINTER WEATHER.

Some idea of ~~winter weather~~ in this district will be gathered from the following figures of the average high and low temperatures for winter months of 1909-10.

	Maximum	Minimum
November	37.2	13.4
December	26.5	6.5
January	36.2	16.1

HAS LETHBRIDGE A MARKET?

Indeed it has, and it is so large that its own farmers do not supply it.

Here is a conservative estimate of the produce imported into Lethbridge, not from other points in Alberta, but from outside the province altogether:

Eggs—3,000 cases.

Cheese—70,000 pounds.

Ham, Bacon and Dried Meats—400,000 pounds.

Lard—190,000 pounds.

Butter—25,000 pounds.

Upon these imports the estimated value is \$175,000.

Fruit is largely imported every year, though if people would grow fruits in the district they could supply the demand. Fruits of all kinds have been grown here with the greatest success, and fruit growing is beyond the experimental stage.

The Lethbridge market is growing larger every day. Population is advancing in the city and district, and the farmer and wholesaler will have an increasing market to cater to each year.

AN INDUSTRIAL CENTRE

Lethbridge is the industrial centre of Southern Alberta.

Apart from the numerous mines in the city and territory adjoining it has—

A woollen mill, the only one in Western Canada.

Three brick yards with an output of 6,250,000 bricks yearly.

One of the largest and best breweries in Western Canada, in which \$200,000 is invested.

An Iron Works.

Two flour mills with a daily capacity of 625 barrels
2 cigar factories.

A large steam laundry.

A number of small industries.

A large planing mill and sash and door factory.

LOTS OF NEW BUILDINGS

The building permits for 1909 were \$1,268,215.

The climate here is such that building goes on all winter and the permits for January and February, 1910, are much larger than for the same months of 1909, and everything points to the permits for 1910 exceeding those of 1909, large as they are.

To the 1909 permits should be added the building at No. 6 shaft of a new tipple and a large number of buildings at a cost of \$500,000, and the new district jail being built at a cost of \$100,000, all just outside the city limits.

The city has completed a new electric power station from which they are enabled to supply electric power at a very low rate and have added a large water tower to the water system, thereby affording good fire protection.

In 1908 \$150,000 was spent on grading streets and cement side walks; in 1909 \$112,000 was spent on the streets and sidewalks, including sewer and water extensions, and this year will see a large amount spent on permanent improvements, including street paving.

A street railway is now being projected and will be a fact in the near future.

\$30,000 to \$50,000 will be spent to equip the new Agricultural Society grounds, which will be second to none when complete.

ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD

The C. P. R. has just finished building a bridge across the river here that ranks as one of the wonders of the world. It is a mile and forty feet long and three hundred and seven feet high and cost some \$1,500,000. In addition to this gigantic undertaking the C. P. R. is spending some \$3,000,000, in making a direct line from Lethbridge to Macleod, in building the new line to Carmangay and enlarging the terminals at Lethbridge to accommodate the greatly increased traffic. They are also to build an addition to the present station of some 80 feet in length.

TAX, WATER AND LIGHT RATE

The total assessment of the City of Lethbridge for 1909 was \$7,813,209, and the taxable assessment \$5,022,545.

In 1908 the taxable assessment was \$3,664,608.

For 1909 the tax rate was as follows: School, 6 mills; municipal, 7 mills; debenture, 3 mills. Total 16 mills.

Water is charged for according to the number of taps and for a modern house costs about \$25 per year.

Electric light is sold by the meter at 14 cents per kilowatt with a ten per cent. discount for prompt payment.

A FRUIT RAISING DISTRICT

The finest strawberries in Western Canada are produced in Lethbridge. All kinds of fruit can be raised without the least difficulty. The day is close at hand when Lethbridge will be the greatest fruit producing district on the prairies.

Last year one man had seven acres of strawberries and two acres of raspberries and found a ready local sale for them all at profitable prices.

LETHBRIDGE HAS

8 hotels.

1 daily newspaper.

2 weekly newspapers.

Three lines of railroad.

1 fortnightly labor paper.

10 miles of graded streets.

A population of over 11,000.

9½ miles of cement sidewalk.

School buildings valued at \$175,000.00.

The best waterworks and sewerage systems in Alb.

10 banks representing a paid-up capital and rest of \$86,.

The finest Fair Grounds in the Province and the best Fall

Good athletic grounds with all kinds of athletic associations.

A modern electric light and power system owned by the city.

A \$30,000.00 fire hall with full equipment of steamer, chemical and hose.

Long distance telephone and a local automatic telephone system with over 400 subscribers.

LETHBRIDGE HAS

Two theatres.

Seven churches.

5 large coal mines.

A large opera house.

18 wholesale houses.

A live Board of Trade.

An up-to-date fire brigade.

A park in the heart of the city.

The biggest bridge in the world.

A large number of wholesale agencies.

A new Court House costing \$100,000.00.

A new District Jail costing \$100,000.00.

The best equipped and conducted general hospital in Alberta, to which a \$60,000 addition is now being built.

An experimental Farm on a large scale owned and conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada.

A High School, four Public Schools and a Kindergarten, a Roman Catholic Separate School and a Convent.

A BIG PAY ROLL

The city has the advantage of having a large pay roll every month and this pay roll is constantly increasing, the Royal Collieries and the Diamond mine will probably more than double before the year is out and all other industries are steadily increasing their pay roll, an increase of 100 per cent, having been made in some cases the past year.

The monthly payroll touches \$200,000 a month, of which the following are some of the principal items:

Galt Mines.....	\$40,000	Brewery	4,000
Diamond Mines.....	7,000	Taylor Mill.....	1,000
Royal Collieries.....	10,000	Oliver Mfg. Co.....	3,000
Ashcroft Mine.....	2,500	City of Lethbridge.....	25,000
Barnes Mine.....	2,000	Iron Works.....	2,000
Steam Laundry.....	1,200	Ellison Mills.....	1,500
C. P. R.....	48,000	A. R. & I. Railway.....	10,000
Brick & Terra Cotta.....	2,500	The Herald.....	1,800

COAL MINING

At Lethbridge is the Galt coal mine (The A. R. & I.), the greatest domestic coal mine in Western Canada. Last year it mined 256,000 tons and at present the company is spending some \$500,000 in building a new tippie and opening a new shaft which will greatly increase the output.

Close to the City are the Royal Collieries, the Diamond Mine and the Pioneer Mine. The two former have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in development work, and are shipping close to 1,000 tons of coal per day this winter.

Coal sells at \$4.25 per ton delivered in the cellar at Lethbridge, or the farmer can buy it for \$3.25 at the mine.

There are also a number of smaller mines scattered through the district where farmers can purchase coal for \$2.50 a ton.

Slack coal suitable for industrial purposes is sold at 50 cents per ton.

POPULATION

1901	1906	1907	1908	1909
2,072	2,313	4,000	6,020	11,137

1901 and 1906, Government Census; 1907, estimated; 1908 and 1909, Police census. The last police census was taken in January, 1910, but we treat it as the 1909 census. The figures for 1908 were obtained in December.

Increase one year, 66 per cent.; increase four years, 380 p.c.

NUMBER OF BANKS LOCATED AT LETHBRIDGE

1906	1907	1908	1909
3	4	6	10

(Including two branches.)

One other Bank is erecting a building at present and will establish an office when completed. We doubt if there is another city in America which can boast of so many strong financial institutions considering the population.

ASSESSMENT

1906	1907	1908	1909
1,631,000	3,374,000	3,664,000	5,022,000

Increase for one year, 37 per cent.; increase for four years, 208 per cent.

The city has always been conservative in its assessment figures, usually 75 to 80 per cent. of real value. Since 1909 assessment, real estate has appreciated in value from 25 to 100 per cent. This fact and the extent of the building operations in 1909 (\$1,268,215) leads us to believe that the 1910 assessment will reach from eight to nine million dollars.

BUILDING PERMITS

1906	1907	1908	1909
\$250 000	\$205 000	\$365 495	\$1 268 215

Increase in one year, 246 per cent.; increase in four years, 407 per cent.

No accurate records kept prior to 1906. Decrease in 1907 due to money stringency. Operations of 1910 likely to exceed figures

of 1909. In the value of new buildings erected in 1909 Lethbridge stands twelfth in the whole Dominion of Canada.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

1907	1908	1909
\$135 286	\$125 213	\$233 687

Increase for one year, 80 per cent.; increase for three years, 72 per cent.

Falling off in 1908 due to stringent quarantine regulations and increased duty on live stock.

POST OFFICE REVENUE

(Fiscal year to April 1st.)

1906-7	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10
\$8,107	\$14,541	\$19,816	\$24,800 (estimated)

Increase one year, 25 per cent.; increase four years, 206 p.c.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID

1906	1907	1908	1909
Issued \$ 86 026	\$ 83 546	\$190 240	\$244 396 Inc. 28.
Paid.. \$ 48 593	\$ 46 837	\$ 70 979	\$ 94 042 Inc. 32.

C. P. R. FREIGHT

(Received and Despatched in Tons)

	1906	1907	1908	1909
Rvd....	28 799	83 546	190 240	244 396

Increase for one year, 50 per cent.; increase four years 275 p.c.

Des....	89 554	176 391	191 464	211 653
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Increase for one year, 10 per cent.; increase four years, 136 p.c.

HOMESTEAD AND PRE-EMPTION ENTRIES

	1907	1908	1909
	2,231	5,919	6,221

Increase in one year, 5 per cent.; increase two years, 179 p.c.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS OVER A. R. & I. CO. LINE

Year to 1st July—1907; 777 cars, about 900,000 bushels; 1908-9: 864 cars, about 1,000,000 bushels.

A substantial increase for 1909-10 is anticipated.

WOOL CLIP—LETHBRIDGE DISTRICT

	1906	1907	1908	1909
Weight....	44 050	294 800	411 500	416 565
Price....	17 cents	16 cents	11 cents	13 1-4c.

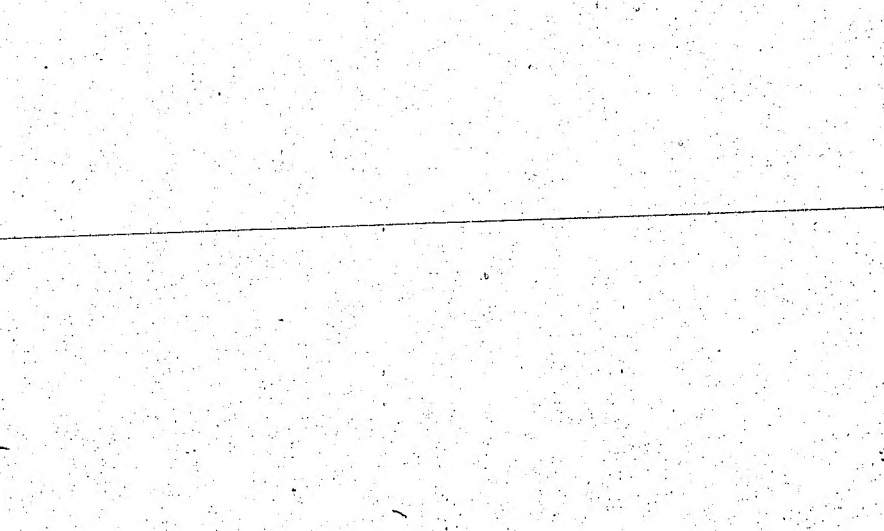
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—ALL SCHOOLS

1907, 640; 1908, 854; 1909, 836 Protestant and 212 Catholic, a total of 1,048. The enrollment figures are much larger.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

Cement walks, $9\frac{1}{4}$ miles; Boulevards, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Water Mains, $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Sewers, 8 miles; Water connection, 600; Trees set out by city, 5,000.







CONCLUSIONS



